



The Voice

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Missouri Department of Public Safety
Crime Victim Services Unit

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Important Changes for DPS Sub-Grantees

On July 1, 2010, the Missouri Crime Victim Services Unit began using regional grant representatives for the administration of grants. This change does not alter contracts in any way. This simply means sub-grantees will have a primary point of contact, determined by geographical location, for grant-related issues. **The five CVSU regions are as follows: Northwest region (NW), Southeast region (SE), Southwest region (SW), St. Louis region (STL), and Oversight region (OS).** Regions can be determined by contract numbers, which will now include one of the five regional codes at the end of the contract number. For example, the contract number for a VAWA grant in the Southwest region would now include "SW" in the number (2009-VAWA-0060-SW.) The assigned CVSU representatives for each region are listed below. This process will allow us to more efficiently assist sub-grantees in meeting all grant related needs.

Additionally, as of July 1, supporting documentation is now required to be submitted with expenditure reports each month. **This means that expenditure reports that are due on either August 5 (Recovery Act grants) or August 10th (all other grants) must have supporting documentation for expenses included with the monthly expenditure report and detail sheet.** This information will be required for future expenditures until further notice. The supporting documentation will vary depending on each agency's grant. Generally, supporting documentation can include: receipts, invoices, mileage logs, activity timesheets and payroll expenses such as salary and fringe benefits. This process will enable CVSU staff to more readily catch any errors made on expenditures when they occur. Our goal is to accelerate the monitoring process, giving CVSU staff more time to focus on program evaluation and technical assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-866-334-6682.

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SSVF Part II Grant Solicitation

As many of you may already know, CVSU will be administering a *one-time only* State Services to Victims Fund (SSVF) Part II grant solicitation. The SSVF Part II grant application can be found on our website at www.dps.mo.gov. All applications for this grant will be due before **4:30 pm on Friday, July 23**. Applications will need to be submitted to the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, PO Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The contract period for this grant is unusual for DPS grants as it is only a nine month contract. The contract will begin on October 1, 2010 and will end on June 30, 2011. Approximately \$2 million will be awarded for the SSVF Part II grant. Again, please remember when applying for these funds that this is a one-time grant solicitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact CVSU at (866) 334-6682.

If you would like to see your agency featured in upcoming editions of *The Voice*, or if you have an article or information you would like to share, please contact MoCVSU at (866) 334-6682. This newsletter is sent to crime victim service agencies and professionals throughout the state and is an excellent way to get the word out regarding your agency or program.

Thank you!

Missouri Victim Services Academy 2010

The Missouri Victim Services Academy (MVSA) is right around the corner! The third annual MVSA will be held Sept. 1-3 at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$72.45 per night. Reservations must be made by Aug. 4 to get the special room rate. Room availability is not guaranteed after Aug. 4. The registration form along with the \$115 tuition fee must be submitted by August 27 to guarantee your spot. The MVSA brochure, which includes the registration form, can be found at <http://www.dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>.



The Academy will be held in conjunction with the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' annual conference. The Missouri Victim Services Academy is a statewide, victim advocate education program designed and implemented by victim service professionals from across Missouri. This year we will have a pre-Academy session for new advocates on the morning of Sept. 1 that will focus on the nuts and bolts of victim advocacy. The general Academy will consist of four general group sessions. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there will not be breakout sessions this year. Academy topics will include: Effective Assistance for Immigrant Victims, Obstacles and Barriers in Victim Service Provision, Technology Facilitated Victimization, and Juvenile Crime and Victim Assistance.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions regarding MVSA, please contact our office.

Calendar

- **July 20, 2010:** STOP and SASP Applications available on website *
- **July 20-22, 2010:** VOCA Review Panel meets
- **July 23, 2010:** 2011 STOP Pre-Bid 10:30am—12pm (Truman Building)
- **July 23, 2010:** 2011 SASP Pre-Bid 1pm—2:30pm (Truman Building)
- **July 23, 2010:** 2011 SSVF Part II Applications due
- **July 28, 2010:** 2011 SSVF Grant Compliance Webinar *
- **August 23-24, 2010:** 2011 SSVF Part II Review Panel meets *
- **September 1-3, 2010:** 2010 Missouri Victim Services Academy (MVSA)
- **September 10, 2010:** 2011 STOP & SASP Applications are due
- **September 30, 2010:** 2009 VOCA Grants end
- **October 1, 2010:** 2010 VOCA Grants begin
- **October 1, 2010:** 2011 SSVF Part II Grants begin *
- **October 15, 2010:** 2009 VOCA Annual Reports are due

Please note: events with an asterisk (*) have had a date change or are new items that have been added to the calendar.

Upcoming MOVANS Training

Training sessions for the Missouri Automated Notification System (MOVANS) are coming to a city near you! The training will involve two sessions. The first session is for all non-profit, community-based victim advocates and victim service providers. The second session is only for government officials such as law enforcement, juvenile officers, prosecutors and advocates employed by those agencies. POST credit is available! Please email Beth Evers at Beth.Evers@dps.mo.gov for more details and registration information.

Troop D - July 28, Springfield
 Troop A - Aug. 4 & 5, Kansas City
 Troop B - Aug. 11, Kirksville
 Troop H - TBA
 Troop C - TBA
 Troop I - TBA

Look for future editions of The Voice. If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter, or if you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, please contact Program Specialist Janet Amitin at (573) 522-3778 or at janet.amitin@dps.mo.gov.

Call for Grant Review Participants

Have you ever wanted to assist in the grant process by participating in a grant review panel? If so, now might be your chance! Many of you are well aware that the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Crime Victim Services Unit grant applications are read and evaluated by both inside and outside reviewers. We are currently working to create a larger pool of outside reviewers for all grants.

If you would like to participate in future reviews, please contact Tiffany Juergens as soon as possible at tiffany.juergens@dps.mo.gov. Please include **OUTSIDE REVIEWER** in the subject line and be sure to provide your contact information, including your email address, in the body of the email. Please note that if you have a personal financial interest in a grant, you may not be eligible to review some grants. Review dates vary per grant cycle. Once a determination is made on volunteers, you may be contacted with specific dates. All reviews will take place in the Harry S. Truman Building in Jefferson City on the 8th floor. Thanks!

CVSU Staff Announcement

Carrie Kiesling has been promoted to Program Representative with CVSU. Carrie worked for CVSU as a Senior Office Support Assistant prior to accepting the Program Representative position. Congratulations Carrie!

2011 STOP and SASP Pre-Bid Seminar

What? A pre-bid Seminar will be held on July 23, 2010 in Room 492 of the Harry S. Truman Building, 301 W. High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The STOP pre-bid will begin at 10:30am and conclude at noon. The SASP pre-bid will begin at 1:00pm and conclude at 2:30pm.

Who Should Attend? Agencies interested in applying for funds for projects that address violence against women (STOP) and sexual assault services (SASP) in Missouri. There is no need to RSVP.

Application/RFP The application can be printed from our website at www.dps.mo.gov after July 19, 2010. Applications will not be provided at the pre-bid seminar.

Why Should You Attend? To learn more about STOP and SASP funding, funding availability, eligibility issues and requirements.

Application Deadline Applications must be received by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, no later than 4:30pm on Sept. 10, 2010 or postmarked no later than Sept. 10, 2010. Applications may NOT be faxed or emailed.

Questions? Call (573) 526-1464 or email cvsu@dps.mo.gov

MoCVSU Thanks Missouri Crime Victims' Rights Week

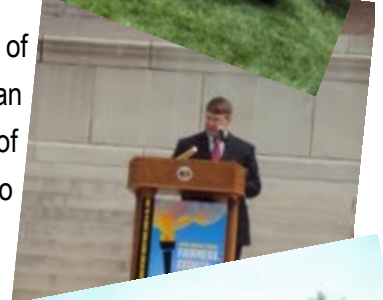
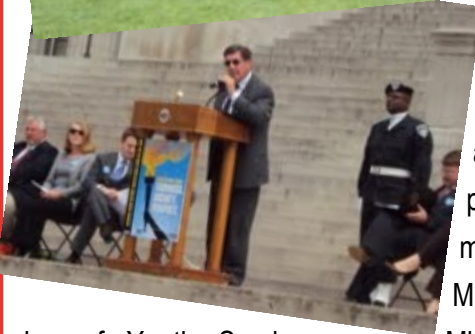
Ceremony Participants

April 18-24, was National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). This year's theme was "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect." The Missouri NCVRW ceremony was held on April 19 at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. MoCVSU and the NCVRW committee

would like to thank Jason Lamb, executive director of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services for being the event emcee. In addition, we would like to thank the following individuals for speaking at the ceremony: John M. Britt, director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety; Terry Tucker, victim speaker; Matt Dameron, chief of staff for Attorney General Chris Koster; and Dean Dankelson, president of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. The committee would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following agencies for their participation and services: Columbia Interpreting Services, Missouri Department of Corrections Color Guard, Fulton Choir, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Fulton Treatment Center, and the Rosa Parks Center.

The day would not have been such a success without the following crime victim service agencies and organizations throughout Missouri that participated in the display table event: Kathy J. Weinman Shelter, Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Program, Division of Youth Services, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Safe at Home Program, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Victim Assistance Network, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Thank you for your participation and for the vital services that you provide to victims!

Finally, MoCVSU would like to thank the following agencies for serving on the 2010 NCVRW Planning Committee: Missouri Attorney General's Office, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Missouri Department of Corrections, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri DPS—Crime Victims' Compensation Program, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Missouri Department of Social Services—Division of Youth Services, Missouri Secretary of State's Office—Safe at Home and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI

Legal Aid of Western Missouri has been providing legal services to low-income citizens since 1964. Legal Aid staff attorneys, paralegals and volunteers resolve over 6,000 civil cases each year. Legal Aid has offices in St. Joseph, Joplin, Warrensburg and Kansas City.

Since its establishment as a non-profit organization, Legal Aid has provided legal services to individuals, families, and groups faced with economic barriers in obtaining civil legal representation. Services are available to low income persons in a 40 county area of western Missouri. Priority is given to cases involving housing, employment, domestic abuse, immigration, consumer problems and public benefits. Legal Aid does not generate fees for cases.

Mission Statement:
Improving the lives of those in need through quality legal assistance.

In 2008, Legal Aid's Domestic Unit assisted 720 survivors seeking protection orders. It was during this time that Legal Aid saw a growing need to accommodate domestic violence victims with Limited English Proficiency, most of who are Spanish-speaking. In August of 2009, Legal Aid obtained a Recovery STOP VAWA grant to fund the project, *Protecting Immigrant Families—Proyecto Proteccion*.

This project allowed Legal Aid to expand its Domestic Unit to more effectively serve immigrant victims of domestic violence. This was accomplished by hiring bilingual attorney and former domestic violence prosecutor, Juan Gomez Rodriguez. He assists these victims in obtaining orders of protection and other legal remedies available through the Adult Abuse Act. The majority of his clientele consists of Hispanic victims but he has provided services to victims from Africa and Vietnam as well. In the first 11 months of the program, the *Protecting Immigrant Families* program provided legal counsel, advice, and representation to 112 primary victims and their children.

Contact Information:

St. Joseph: (816) 364-2325 or 1-800-892-2101

Joplin: (417) 782-1650 or 1-800-492-7095

Warrensburg: (660) 747-7101 or 1-800-892-2943

Kansas City (Central Office): (816) 474-6750

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Mr. Gomez Rodriguez states that "victims of domestic violence often live in terror of their abuser and are afraid that the judicial system will not help them. For immigrant women, those fears are only magnified by language and cultural barriers." He explained that these factors can include the abuser isolating immigrant victims by exploiting their traditional role as

mothers, preventing the victim from working, limiting social interactions, and threatening deportation or taking away her children. Mr. Gomez Rodriguez secured a protective order for one client who then referred another victim to Legal Aid. "That shows success because we are building up trust in the immigrant community," he said.

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